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## MR. SPECKELS' MONEY.

The statement made by some of the royalist newspapers a few days ago that Mr. Speckels was likely to demand the money due him—about \$95,000—was believed to have been inspired. There appears to be ground for this belief since Mr. Speckels made a demand on the government yesterday for a settlement of his claims.

As it is generally understood that a short time ago Mr. Speckels informed the government that he preferred to draw the interest on the amount due him, and was not in any hurry to collect the principal, many are at a loss to understand his present wish for a settlement. The demand was, perhaps, not unexpected, and in all probability arrangements will be shortly made, which will be perfectly satisfactory to the parties interested. Mr. Speckels will doubtless get his money and the government will get a release.

It is not to be understood there has been any politics connected with the matter, as the Provisional government is not at present allowing politics and finances to get mixed.

## THE PUBLIC FINANCES.

The official exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the Hawaiian treasury for the year ending March 31st, prepared by the retiring minister of finance, T. C. Porter, is published in full in this issue. It is seldom that so full and clear a statement has been made out, showing the actual condition of every branch of government, in all its details. This publication will do more than anything else to reassure the public that the finances are carefully looked after, a matter in which every taxpayer is interested. The receipts and expenditures for the year embraced in the report are briefly summed up in the following statement:

Bal. Cash on hand Mar. 31, 1892	\$ 312,141.28
RECEIPTS.	
From Int.	\$ 170,940.34
From Customs duties, etc.	515,312.76
From Inter. Taxes.	450,970.88
From Miscellaneous.	193,785.19
	\$1,331,019.15
From Loans	260,534.46
Total Receipts	\$1,591,553.61
EXPENDITURES.	
Current Exp. of Govt.	\$1,415,200.07
Sav. Bank, etc.	420,254.94
	\$1,835,455.01
Cash Bal. Mar. 31, '93.	\$ 70,238.88

During no period of the Hawaiian government has it been more difficult to keep its accounts clear and correct, than during the past year, owing to the reductions made, toward the close of the legislative session, in the salaries of government officials, and in the amounts appropriated for some of the current expenses. For the first eight months, payments had continued under the scale of former appropriations, but nearly all were reduced towards the end of the session, necessitating a vast deal of clerical labor in the adjustment.

When it is borne in mind that the government has been compelled to provide half a million dollars, aside from its ordinary expenses, to meet the unexpected demands of depositors in the Postal Savings bank, during the past year, the condition of the public treasury at the end of March is all that could be expected. In doing this, not a dollar of the reserve of \$312,000 has been touched.

A later statement of the minister of finance, published May 30, shows a considerable amount of cash in the treasury, not shown in

the yearly exhibit in today's paper. We refer to the following:

Silver in treasury to redeem certificates: silver, \$288,000; certificates, \$41,000	\$329,000.00
Road board fund in treasury	35,803.38
School board fund in treasury	636.00
Available cash, as above	56,941.78

Total cash in treasury..... \$403,381.14

It will thus be seen that the management of the public finances has been conducted, since the Provisional government took charge, in a creditable manner, such as is calculated to inspire public confidence. In short, the men now in charge of the government are among the ablest to be found in the islands, and so long as they continue, they will be supported by all classes. It is their purpose to restrict expenditures to actual necessities, and to undertake no new work of any kind except such as is considered indispensable.

## MELANGE.

There seems to be fear and trembling in the royalist ranks that the United States will put a different construction on the facts in the case concerning Hawaii than the salvation of the ex-queen's cause demands. It has been pointed out that the results to Hawaiian royalty would be direful, if not fatal, should President Cleveland—the royalist mistakes him for the American people—fail to interpret American principles as the ex-queen's followers wish.

It was only a short time ago that much was heard concerning a plebiscite. It is now urged that if all political signs do not fail there will be no need of going to so much trouble; the simpler way will be just to restore the ex-queen. The same sort of argument is cited to show the uselessness of the Provisional government proceeding further in treaty matters. To most people it seems absurd that in the light of the facts the royalists should keep rolling the hope of restoration over their tongues. The argument for restoration is based upon the untenable position that the monarchy was overthrown by "forcible conquest."

That restoration is hopeless, even the ex-queen's friends have at last an inkling, although as yet not one of them will admit it. No "destruction of Hawaiian autonomy" has taken place except that brought about by the unconstitutional action of the ex-queen and her backers. She may claim she is yet queen and her last ministry may claim they are still ministers, but the fact remains that they were overthrown, and if they represent the autonomy of Hawaii, then that too has been destroyed. But as far as the destruction of the autonomy of the Hawaiian nation, or the forcible conquest thereof, is concerned, that is all royalist rot. The United States has no moral responsibility whatever in the matter; that has been shouldered by the taxpayers of Hawaii, and the former tax squanderers of the country can howl protests all summer, if such a course affords them any amusement.

The annexation club is the largest and strongest political organization in Hawaii. It is the healthiest factor the annexation movement has developed, to have only 150 members as the royalists allege. Perhaps it is within the limit of probability to say that the royalist meeting would have certainly taken place at Emma square the other night had the annexation club dwindled to the paltry membership stated. The leaders who decided not to hold that meeting will fully appreciate both the levity and force of this paragraph. It is perhaps only necessary to add that none know better than the weak-kneed royalists the untruthfulness of the statement that the present government is without support of the voters and taxpayers of Hawaii.

The editorial wail that arises at

the bare possibility of the royalists having to stand upon their own political merits in the settlement of our troubles is somewhat significant. They do not want to "fight it out," or fight anything else out that means the establishment of the independence of Hawaii in the name of the people and taxpayers. The United States is in no way responsible for the peace of this country. The United States did not first violate it; this was done by the ex-queen when that new constitution—now vanished—was promulgated. Liliuokalani is alone responsible for the present condition of Hawaii, and the happy thing about it all is that she is unable to undo her blunder, which precipitated the new order of affairs.

## ROT.

## The Sort of Stuff Furnished by Royalist Correspondents.

The correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner has lately sent his paper two columns of alleged facts, the bulk of which are taken from a special statement of the ex-queen's case made by Mr. C. B. Wilson. The statement is a rehash of the familiar royalist claims and entirely ignores the real facts and actions of the ex-queen which precipitated the overthrow of the monarchy. The following extracts are taken from the end of the Wilson statement and are a fair sample of the truth and accuracy of the entire letter. Comment is entirely unnecessary:

The [Wilson] document as presented to Mr. Blount consists of sixty typewritten pages and covers every important episode in Liliuokalani's reign. Mr. Blount had the document in his possession for forty-eight hours, and it is believed had a duplicate made for transmission with other documents to President Cleveland.

Clans Spreckels has abandoned Honolulu for the present and has retired to his plantation on Maui. His negotiations with the planters for their support to his proposition to establish a republic does not seem to have met with a cordial reception, the planters and business men combining against him. Whether his refusal to advance the government any money will have the effect of bringing any one to his way of reasoning is open to question. He declines to take any of the issue of the \$750,000 government bonds on the score of the questioned legal right of the government to issue them.

The boycott by the annexationists against business men with royalist tendencies continues. The Annexation club has filed a protest with the government against orders for material being given to shopkeepers who have not signed the annexation roll. The club is determined to force people to become annexationists whether they want to or not.

Commissioner Blount has been taking affidavits of prominent royalists, and has almost concluded his investigations. He states that he will not be ready to leave until the arrival of Mr. Stevens' successor.

Referring to the latest attack upon the queen and her demand for her being sent out of the country, Mr. Blount said to me last night that such attacks were obnoxious to him, and that he feels the necessity for taking action against such articles appearing in the papers.

The financial condition of the government is causing grave fears among its friends and hilarity among its enemies. The question of the hour is, how long can the government stand? So far as the executive is concerned it has the confidence of every one, but the advisory board has in it men who are fast losing friends for the provisionals.

No developments have been made in the crown diamonds case. Vice President Damon has written to London as to their value. It is believed that they are paste.

Eight Provisional government guards deserted last night and are entrenched in the mountains armed with clubs.

Minister Stevens has had printed in the Advertiser office an elaborate three-column speech to be delivered by him upon his arrival in San Francisco on the 31st inst.

The proofs have all been handed to Stevens, so it is impossible to get a copy of it. I learn there are many pervasions of facts and misrepresentations.

J. T. STACKER.  
Honolulu, May 9, 1893.

## San Francisco Exports.

The merchandise exports from San Francisco to the Pacific islands in April were valued at \$226,280, as against \$298,354 for same month in 1892, a decrease for the year of \$72,104. In March the exports were \$277,267, against \$334,418 for the same month last year. In the past four months the total exports to the Hawaiian islands were \$903,822, against \$974,069 for the same time in 1892, \$1,414,200 in 1891, \$1,521,927 in 1890, \$1,069,901 in 1889 and \$977,892 in 1888.—[S. F. Ex.]

## A NOTED MISSIONARY.

Rev. Dr. Ernst. Faber Now in this City.

During the recent brief stay of the Gaelic, it was the privilege of some of our townspeople to meet a company of missionaries from different fields in China and Japan en route to the United States. It is a pleasure to note that one prominent member of this company has decided to remain over for a visit in Honolulu. This is the Rev. Dr. Ernst Faber, a name widely known among the missionaries of China, and among those who are interested in the people and literature of that great empire. He is one of the most eminent of living sinologists and his literary labors have been of a varied and extensive character. His services in the preparation of Christian books and commentaries for the Chinese have been great, and he is still engaged in carrying forward this good work. Dr. Faber is now on his way to Chicago to deliver an address on "Confucianism" there during the session of the "Parliament of Religions," to be held in September next. It is to be hoped that the public may have the privilege of hearing this distinguished missionary, during his stay, on some of the topics in reference to which he is so reliable an authority.—Com.

## A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The Rajah of Rampur Pays a Brief Visit.

An Indian Prince, the Rajah of Rampur, with five servants and a party of seven in attendance, among whom is Mr. G. E. Howes, an official of Cook Sons & Co., tourist agency of London, who is detailed to direct the traveling arrangements of the prince, arrived on the steamer Gaelic last week.

The party originally intended on leaving China to take the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of India for Victoria, British Columbia, but hearing that the Gaelic was to touch at Honolulu the prince decided to come this way and visit our famed islands and volcano.

On the voyage hither owing to lack of information regarding the time tables of the inter-island steamers, and the uncertainty of making the volcano trip in time to catch the next China steamer, City of Peking, leaving seven days hence, the prince decided to continue on the Gaelic and visit Alaska instead of the volcano.

The prince is a bright, fine looking young gentleman of about twenty, was educated in England, and the subjects in his dominions number it is said eleven millions.

## EX-TURNKEY WALKER.

The Alleged Opium Thief Again in Custody.

A. R. Walker who has been wanted for some time on a charge of stealing opium from the station house was recaptured Tuesday on the steamer Gaelic.

The police were notified that he was taken out to the vessel in a shore boat on Monday night about 10:30 o'clock. Several policemen were out to the vessel Tuesday morning to make a search and while they were engaged in doing so, Walker ran on deck and slid down a davit to the scow which was lying alongside of the vessel. He then jumped in a shore boat which was tied to the scow. In the meantime the police made their appearance and after a scuffle they secured their man. Walker was taken to the police station. When searched a revolver was found on his person. The police claim that he stole the weapon from the station house, so an additional charge of larceny was recorded against the ex-turnkey. Walker was released on \$500 bail.

## COSTLY JOURNALISM.

Mexican Newspaper Men Pay For Having Expressed Opinions.

CITY OF MEXICO (Mex.), May 16.—The editors of El Democrita, the daily newspaper which was recently suppressed in this city by order of the government for alleged objectionable utterances, have been sentenced to seven months' imprisonment in Belem prison, and each to pay a fine of \$300. The foreman of the same paper has been sentenced to five months' imprisonment and to \$200 fine, and the proof-reader to four months' imprisonment and \$150 fine.

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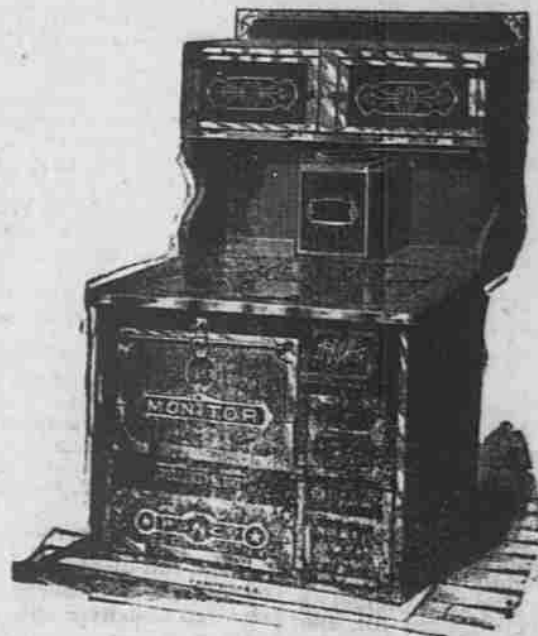
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